

REMARKS

Reconsideration and allowance of the subject application are respectfully solicited.

Claims 1 through 4, 6 through 10, 16, 18, 20 through 23, 25 through 29, 35, 37, 58 through 61, 63 through 67, 73, and 75 are pending, with Claims 1, 20, and 58 being independent. Claims 77 through 83 have been cancelled without prejudice. Claims 1 through 3, 10, 20 through 22, 27 through 29, 58 through 61, and 65 through 67 have been amended.

All claims were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103 over U.S. Patent No. 6,005,613 (Endsley, et al.) in view of U.S. Patent No. 5,184,169 (Nishitani). All rejections are respectfully traversed.

Claims 1, 20, and 58 variously recite, inter alia, a selection unit (Claim 1), step (Claim 20), or routine (Claim 58) which displays a plurality of photographing conditions with each of which a plurality of kinds of control data are associated, selects a desired photographing condition from among the plurality of displayed photographing conditions to display the plurality of kinds of control data associated with the selected photographing condition, and changes the plurality of kinds of control data in accordance with an input instruction (wherein the control unit (Claim 1), step (Claim 20), or routine (Claim 58) effects control so as to transmit to the image pickup apparatus the plurality of kinds of control data changed.

However, Applicant respectfully submits that neither Endsley, et al. nor Nishitani, even in combination, assuming, arguendo, that the documents could be combined, discloses or suggests at least the above-discussed claimed features as recited, inter alia, in Claims 1, 20, and 58. The Official Action acknowledges that Endsley, et al. fails to show such features and therefore relies upon Nishitani. Applicant respectfully notes that Nishitani discloses, e.g., a card corresponding to one of a plurality of predetermined special photography modes (e.g., col. 3, lines 1-16), and Applicant

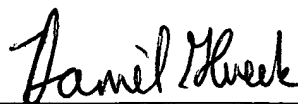
respectfully submits that neither the foregoing nor the remainder of Nishitani provides either a description or a suggestion of the above-discussed claimed features. It is further respectfully submitted that there has been no showing of any indication of motivation in the cited document that would lead one having ordinary skill in the art to arrive at the above-discussed claimed features. By means of the above-discussed claimed features, Applicant respectfully submits that, for example, a user can easily set photographing parameters corresponding to a photographing condition into a camera, so that the user can correct a difference between the actual photographing condition and the photographing parameters (see, e.g., steps S521 to S524 in Fig. 27 and page 61, line 20 to page 63, line 24). (Of course, the claims are not limited to the disclosed embodiments.)

The dependent claims are also submitted to be patentable because they set forth additional aspects of the present invention and are dependent from independent claims discussed above. Therefore, separate and individual consideration of each dependent claim is respectfully requested.

Applicant submits that this application is in condition for allowance, and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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